

Troubles Plague the Town; But Crops are "Best Ever"

● Troubles at the Post Office! And it seems Mr. J. L. Logie, pioneer of '78, & probably post-master since '79, when the name changed from Palestine to Gladstone, is on his way out. Could it be he was finding his newly-opened implement agency a bit more lucrative? Fine & dandy! But in Aug. 30 issue Mr. Moodie hears a rumor, which if so, he & others are coming out fighting.

● It's rather interesting to see that it's "Mrs." Broadfoot who is the owner of the former Hatch Bros. mill. And the terms of the lease are interesting too. Once again we'll point out that the only piece of equipment from the old structure, graces our driveway - a flower bed made from various pieces of one of the two grinding stones.

● A while back a "Mrs. Pritchett" returns to the east, and now a "Mr. Pritchett" follows. No mention is made of their connection here. But the name is interesting; for probably this is the man that Jim Newcombe referred to in describing some of the antics indulged in by fun-loving fellows who liked to take "excursions" on the St. Bonice, C. P. Brown's hapless steamer. Mr. Newcombe's job was to keep steam up and guide the vessel through treacherous waters. And seemingly he wasn't always successful for on one occasion the boat struck a sunken log which caused most of the revellers aboard to loose what little equilibrium they had left, and so got properly "soaked."

● Editor Moodie signals editorially "the best crop ever."

● Those were very dangerous days! Accidents and mishaps of a wide range seem to occur with great frequency. But hardly not much quicker than the two in one day at Donald McCaskill's.

● The brand new trail to the recently-opened Dauphin settlement must be getting pounded into shape by the hurry to take up homesteads.

● What price progress! Reeve Smalley, store-keeper at Westbourne village, has stolen a march on Gladstone. It's well on its way to becoming a lakeport; and Editor Moodie seems a bit dumbfounded that the undertaking is handled by the Dom. govt.

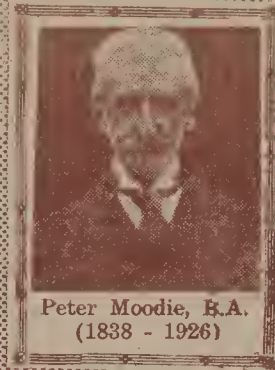
● And there's a bit more history about the M. & N. W. rly.

● Troubles at the little school-house! Even Moodie, a trustee, calls a big, town-wide meeting, a fiasco. Too many scholars, and not enough room, or money to provide same.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago



Peter Moodie, R.A.
(1838 - 1926)

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A School Picture that dates back 32 Years — Where Are They Now?

HERE ARE THE "GRADES ONE & TWO" SCHOLARS OF 1952: (Helen Broadfoot, teacher); BACK ROW: Tommy Scott; Billy Timmings; Gordon Copping; Delphus Swan; Wayne Sheridan; Kenneth Ramsey; Paul Otto; (FOURTH ROW): Bobby Humes; Douglas Neustaeter; Trevor Newton; Kenneth Stewart; Melvin Stewart; Lyle Ramsey; Dennis Strand; Gerald Stewart; (THIRD ROW): Beryl Corlett; Mary Sinclair; Douglas Vinie; Laura Copping; Gerald Funk; Jimmy Hando; Larry Austin; John Kinley; (SECOND ROW): Brenda Brooks; Heather Slade; Betty Lou Yandean; Lola George; Margaret McDonald; Judy Bjarnarson; Sonja Puhach; Edith Wright; Sandra Hall; (FRONT): Rose Marie Wilson; Valerie Erlendson; Lynda Adamson; Roberta Kennedy; Maureen Unger; Beryl Legg; Carol Morton; Barbara Broadfoot; Sharon Smith.

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SAT., AUG. 2nd, 1884:

Editorial . . .

Press of county work has made our editorial column rather slim. We shall soon have opportunity enough to spread ourselves.

Editorial . . .

Our attention is drawn by a practical man, to the dangerous condition of Pine Creek bridge. Those whose business it is had better see after it. A stitch in time saves nine.

Editorial . . .

We publish a letter in another column from an influential citizen, giving a somewhat different version of post office matters than we did last week. Which ever is the correct version, then, at any rate, is the decidedly expressed opinion of the citizen—that we must have the money order office back again. A town doing the business of ours cannot afford to be deprived of any business facility it is entitled to.

LOCALS

Mrs. Williams has been visiting at Mrs. Isaac Davidson's.

Miss Edith Lockhart has been a guest for the last week of Mr. John Chambers.

If any one were to inquire concerning the present whereabouts of the Mayor, would it be actionable to reply, that Nebuchadnezzar-like he has gone to grass?

Soliloquy! To think I have all along been supposing him married and he all the while, single. Seven precious months of proper opportunity wasted! Courage! there are still a few months of leap year in which to reap the harvest.

Mr. S. R. Tate, traveller for McColl Bros.,—oil manufacturers, is doing the province in the interests of his firm, a Toronto one. He was in Gladstone last Sat. and intends to be back in the fall.

A game of baseball will be played this afternoon in town on the usual grounds, between Silver Stream baseball club and Gladstone Maple Leafs. Game commences at 2:30 p.m. A close contest is expected.

Messrs. McDonald and McDougall have entered into a new lease of the Broadfoot mill. It runs for two years. The rental

has been reduced, but they look after repairs, while Mrs. Broadfoot has to see to the water supply. ((This is a rather interesting item. Documents still extant show that the mill was erected in 1879 by the Hatch Bros. (evidently with the financial assistance of C. P. Brown). It was located on the corner of 5th St. and Morris, and struggled along under various lessees until Jan. 1890, its demise by fire being recorded in the very last issue published by the Moodie Bros.)).

Dear mesdames, don't—at any rate, in public—the sight is so tantalizing! We know one Benedict whom your osculatory performances put in a dangerously bad way and he has a cherubic mouth of his own to kiss now-a-days. Consider the effect upon those who have none!

Mr. Thompson's sales so far this season have been 4 mowers, 3 rakes, 4 reapers and 6 binders. Supposing that each of our agents, all of whom have been longer here, has done as much or more, it is a fair record for this depressed time.

Mr. Paynter, of Owen Sound, who has been on a visit to his sons, Messrs. Thomas (of Dean & Paynter) & Harry, of Blake, left for Beulah at the beginning of the week, where more of his family reside. He expressed very favorable opinions of the prospects of our town and county. His son, Thomas, took a holiday trip with him.

Mrs. Galloway, who has been poorly, is now convalescing.

Mr. H. Pritchett has gone east.

Mr. John Bradley met with a very serious accident last Friday while at work on the foundation of a new kitchen Mr. McCaskill is erecting on his farm at Dead Lake. He buried the corner of the axe he was using into his foot, a little above the instep, making an ugly gash which had to be sewed. Aleck McBride had the fingers of one of his hands badly crushed while assisting to hoist the foundation of the main building, the same day.

There will be service in the Methodist church next Sabbath morning at half-past 10 o'clock. At the close of the usual service the love feast will be held, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Evening service at half-past six o'clock. Business quarterly meeting on Sat. afternoon

at 2 o'clock in the church. Rev. Woodsworth, of Portage, will be present.

Catchy haying weather!

Fine weather for filling grain!

The new work on the M. & N. W. was to be let at Wpg. Wed.

The organ question is still a lively issue in Mr. Wesley Yeo's hands; he having sold three recently.

Mayor McDonald, of Portage, who has been up on mill business, went east on Thursday.

Mr. Stuart, late engineer of the M. & N. W., has gone east beyond Port Arthur to fill a contractor engineer's appointment.

Palestine school closed for the holidays on Thurs., and will resume again Sept. 1st. Mr. Ross, the teacher, went east today to spend the vacation.

Yes, T——, the presence of the adorable sex can make a machine agent as well as a miller, once in a while, fly round with an axe handle.

The party who took the tongue from the bob sleighs lying near the old Queen's Hotel, is requested to return it, to prevent unpleasant exposure, as he is known.

Raspberries are coming in in great quantities. No better illustration can be afforded than the fact that one family picked and brought in in one day this week 15 pailfuls.

Mr. R. Ferguson, teacher of Morris school, who has been putting in some of his holiday time with his friends here, proceeded east this morning. We were pleased to hear of the satisfaction he is giving. We long ago were aware of the excellent quality of his teaching.

Three horses belonging to the Messrs. McCrae, of Woodside, have been lost for three weeks. They have hunted for them in every direction and can find no trace of them. Surely horse thieves don't come so far east. Any information of them will be most gladly received.

The Farmer's Union recommends its members to purchase either the American twine sold by Messrs. Westbrook & Fairchild at 23c per lb, 600 ft. to the lb.; or the Canadian twine of the Watson Manufacturing Co. at 16c per lb, 632 ft. to the lb. The latter twine is cheaper to the extent of 2c per 800 ft., though the former is slightly better in quality.

Mr. Dunbar, govt. veterinary inspector for the counties of Westbourne and Portage, arrived by train Wed., called up to inspect what appeared to his informant to be a case of glanders. The affected beast is the prop-

Examinationa of teachers for certificates was held in Wpg., Portage, Brandon, Minnedosa & Pilot Mound on Tuesday.

Mr. John Switzer, of Golden Stream, has put up a house 16 x 22 on his farm at Shell River, and intends to move his family and all his belongings to it at once. He is a solid, well-to-do farmer and though we would rather have seen him stay, family relationships have been too potent there for us to retain him. We live in hope that before their experience covers half the years they have spent here, both Mr. Whaley and himself will be back again. So long, till then. Mr. John Kerr has the taking off of this year's crop and the farm is rented for three subsequent years to Mr. Geo. Kerr. ((It is to be noted that the two families did return, and probably in less time than editor Moodie hoped for)).

The early bird catches the shot—at least that is Mr. Will's intention. We hear he's letting fly occasionally at higher game, e.g., Joe's big bulk and the sides of the Revere House, though how he is going to engineer these materials over, even the capacious throat of his owl, puzzles us. Should he succeed, and powder and shot hold out, it is simply a question of time when this whole menagerie will find itself slipping in turn, down the same road; in which case pray leave us to the last, and we promise a choice morsel, in the shape of a savoury obituary notice of the whole concern, to appropriately top-off the heterogeneous stuffing of its gizzard. ((The above requires some explaining, and we're sorry we can't provide it. Is it that an eccentric "Mr. Will" has a pet owl for which to provide food, he's going around shooting willy-nilly at everything that moves?)).

We have a word of pity for a much-afflicted team. Considerable of the efflorescence & more of the substance of the female portion of our good town started out in a wagon lately on the inevitable berry-picking rampage. The horses, poor things! with that gallantry characteristic of the good horse under such circumstances nobly tried to do their duty, but alas! horse flesh is still horse flesh. In spite of the elevation of mind produced by the nature of the cargo, which fairly lifted them out of the traces, pounds avoirdupois were too much for them. The last seen of them was a small contingent on foot urging the horses to do their prettiest, and the larger crowd clustering, like bees, round what small fragment of the rim of each wheel remained above ground, speaking it forward for all they were worth!

POST OFFICE MATTERS

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age;
Sir:

I was somewhat surprised at the statement made by our postmaster through the columns of the last issue of your paper, regarding the sudden and unexpected closing of the money order department, viz., that he insisted on such a change taking place because it did not pay him, there being no chartered bank in this town.

Well, sir, the fact of the matter really is that the insisting part of the business was on the other side. It is a well-known fact that had we such a bank here, there would be less business of this kind done through the postoffice.

And, sir, if Mr. Logie imagines that this community will quietly submit to such treatment on his part, he is far mistaken, and the sooner he sends in his resignation to headquarters the better, as we must have the money order department reopened, and at once.

I have good authority for stating that this department will not again be opened under the management of Mr. Logie.

Surely we can secure a man capable of holding the position, and who will discharge the duties in connection therewith a little more satisfactorily to the town than they have been doing during the past few years.

More anon.

Yours truly,
Tax-payer.

BULLY TRUSTEES!

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age;

Our school trustees are to be congratulated on the way they keep the school buildings in their proper position, for they are really an ornament to the town.

Nemo.

ANOTHER TRIP TO DAUPHIN

Messrs. McCrae, McLaren and Crouter arrived back from their exploratory trip to Dauphin early in the week. They found the short road to it dry as a chip, and after crossing the first stream, dubbed the Wilson river after a townsman (which will be handy for watering his stock when he starts up there) they broke new ground, travelling in a north-westerly direction. They crossed four streams, the last one called the Valley river, being about 200 feet wide and from 10 to 15 ft. deep. Forging it at the usual Indian crossing, they followed the stream up for a considerable way, and then struck north. Their progress was stopped, in the valley between the furthest ridge of the Riding

and the southwest spur of the Duck Mtns. by a fire raging in the timber which it so densely covered. Their errand, to obtain some approximate idea of the amount of land available for agricultural use, was well served. They travelled along ridges of scrubby prairie, in some cases 12 miles and of considerable depth, while away to the west the land outlook is similar in character. Hay & pasture lands are found in abundance, which will make some parts of it famous for stock raising. It is well-watered by streams having high banks thereby obviating the damage caused by floods. The flats are covered densely with all the usual kinds of timber including spruce and tamarack. They are more than ever satisfied with it & can confidently recommend it to every one in search of new locations. If superior soil, good hay land, sufficient timber, an abundant supply of water with or without fish, and a good-looking crowd of settlers gone in ahead, entitles a place to any consideration then Dauphin must soon 'boom' (to use a bad word). They also brought down some quartz specimens which they found in the beds of the streams they crossed, and which on account of their weight and glitter, appear to contain some sorts of metals.

Mr. McLatchie(?), a surveyor well known to our pioneer settlers, many of whom worked with him on surveys to the immediate west, is busy blocking out and subdividing three and a half townships there, and expects to do more when he is through with his present contract.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

The lawn party held in Mr. Broadfoot's grounds on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Gladstone Lodge of the Sons of Temperance, was a decided success. There was a large attendance and the entertainment passed off well. Croquet-playing was the first dissipation largely indulged in. This gave place to the more enlivening occupation of eating raspberries & cream, of which there was no stint, & on the principle of "sweets to the sweet" where the majority went to admit of no question.

Thereafter, music & eloquence filled in pleasantly the twilight hours.

The musical part of the programme, consisting of concerted pieces, solo singing and playing, was excellently given by a number of our musical proficientes, who very kindly lent their assistance.

Racy speeches and readings were interspersed by Rev. D. Stalker & Mr. Jones, the worthy patriarch.

The blazing of brush piles added variety and illumination while Luna overhead threw down a few rays.



Principal Brown and Pupils who Prepared & Presented the Programme that Opened the "Opera House" in 1905

79 YEARS AGO the above group formed the "Teen-Agers" of the town - top-graders of the Gladstone School. They were daring-do young people, led by Principal C. Roscoe Brown. One of their chief undertakings for the year 1905 was putting on the Opening Concert for the newly-built "Opera House." This was staged Nov. 17th, and a copy of the programme is enshrined in Chapter '05 of the "Glory Years". But they showed their spirit in another very helpful way also. It seems that as the opening date neared, the owners of the building found themselves too hard-pressed in the construction part to attend to some of the smaller, but very necessary details. One of these was the stage curtain. It had been bought but not painted. The advertisements to adorn same had not even been solicited, and the painter was impatient. Would the kids help out by scouring the town? Sure thing, and away they went - with great success too, for all concerned. Especially for the merchants who bought the advts. They really got their money's worth. Not until 1930 were the advts. changed.

THIS PARTICULAR PICTURE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL OF 1905 comes to us from Mrs. Leila Leck, of Mission, B.C. (Her mother was the writer of "I Lived in Paradise," so often referred to in our history sketches). The same picture appeared in the April 9th, 1969, issue of the "Age", but in 2" x 4" size. At that time we called on the late Irwin Schooley to identify the scholars, which he did, with exception of two only. Here they are (though few will remember): BACK ROW): —————; Duncan McLennan; Mary McAlpine; Dora Gilman; Cecil Creery; Sophie Cory; Archie Jacob; John Broadfoot; Jack Corlett (hiding the 1905' sign); Paris Kinney; —————; Edith Minaker; C. ROSCOE BROWN, Principal; Cliff Williscroft. MIDDLE ROW, seated: Addie Tierney; Minnie Schooley; Margaret McMillan; Stewart McCrae; (Standing): Robt. Broadfoot; Percy Watson; Roy Atkinson; Myrtle McCrae; Velma Bickle; Merle Williams; Winnie Bickle; Bert Alcock; Cliff Kerr. FRONT ROW, seated: Irwin Schooley; Gordon McQueen; Dan Broadfoot; Frank Morton; Clara Finlay; Margaret Williams and Nellie Wilson.

PROOF CERTAIN that the group was deep in the throes of preparation for their up-coming concert is provided by the sign, which if too dim in this picture for easy reading, we'll translate for you: "RESOLVED: That I will attend the School Concert at Kinney's Hall on Nov. 17. You come too! You don't have to go to Winnipeg or Portage, or Sandy Bay, to see an A1 show. Now is your chance and right here in GLADSTONE. Far away hills are worth two in the bush, and a bird in the hand looks green. BUSTER". The latter is "Buster" Brown, son of the Principal, nick-named from a newspaper cartoon popular in that era. A few other things of some note may be added: The curtain endured until recent years, as noted in "Down Thro' the Ages" (though the reverse side was used for more up-to-date advts. in the early 1930s). The reel by which it propelled the big curtain up and down, is weathering away out in our bush. Also be it noted that the good-looking young fellow (first named) is an uncle, the youngest and last-surviving of that clan (death, Dec. 28th, 1976).

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SAT., AUG. 9th, 1884:

NOTICE

Councillor J. F. Pool will let by Public Auction at 2 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, August 13th, on the ground, the job of erecting a new pile bridge over Pine Creek, alongside of the old one; also the job of repairing cross-ways beyond.

Plans and specifications of the bridge can be seen at Coun. Pool's house up till the day of auction, and on the ground during the day.
Silver Stream J. F. Pool.
Aug. 9th, 1884.

Read and digest the medical opinion on school matters given in another column.

A visit from the Minister of Public Works to the county this week. The work of his department re directing his steps, not recreation for a time yet, he says.

The present is an opportune time for any new school arrangements the ratepayers wish to make. The subject demands, and should receive, earnest thought from every ratepayer between now and next Tues. evening. If any feasible way can be devised out of the acknowledged difficulty and the unmistakable voice of the people is raised in its favor then the trustees will take it, otherwise they think it unwise to, meanwhile, materially alter present arrangements.

NOTICE

The trustees of Gladstone School District requests the ratepayers to meet them in the schoolhouse on Tues. next, 12th inst. at 7 o'clock p.m. As very important matters will be submitted for their consideration as large and representative a meeting as possible is desired.

By Order,
Chairman of the Board.

LOCALS

John McLaughlin, of Richmond, we hear, begins his wheat harvest on Monday.

Mr. Coombes, of Richmond, has had barley long in stock.

Mr. John Edwards is in from Dauphin. He killed a large bear last trip.

Mr. D. McLean is taking a holiday trip to Qu'Appelle for a week or two.

Duck shooting commences next Thursday.

Mr. Ament's house is being sided for the winter.

There was a beautiful mirage Thursday evening.

Mr. Edwin Rose, who has been east, got back Wednesday.

Mr. S. T. Wilson is busy finishing up his contract of hauling ties, etc. off the old track of the M. & N. W. ((Once again here's an item that may be referring to the crossing of the river east of town)).

Mrs. Paul, Sr., has had a severe attack of bronchitis. She is now recovering.

Three potatoes, among a lot brought in the other day to Mr. McQueen, weighed 3¼ lbs. They were grown by Mr. John Stewart of McGregor.

Mr. Molson and Captain McMillan, grain buyers, Winnipeg, are talking of putting up a storehouse for grain at our station.

The vote of the people of the Beautiful Plains County, is to be taken before proceeding with the county buildings in Neepawa.

Mr. Geo. Pirie went east to meet his brother James at the Portage Tuesday, on receipt of a telegram stating he would be there.

The copious rain of last week is about the last bath the crops need.

Mrs. Bennett, of Livingstone, has gone west to Minnedosa to spend a few days with her relatives.

Mr. Somerset, the superintendent of education, dined with our teacher, Mr. Best, the other day on his way west.

Mr. Alexander Bires, of Gladstone, was married to Miss McDonald, of Woodside, at Portage la Prairie, last Monday.

The assessment commissioner, Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor, paid Gladstone a flying visit this wk. in company with Mac Ferriss.

Mr. J. McLean traded his horses to Mr. D. McRae, Woodside, for 2 yoke of cattle.

((Nettie Findlay and James McBride, of Classes II and III respectively, are mentioned as contestants in a prize examination)).

Miss Knowles, teacher Tupper, Mr. Campbell, Cochrane Manuf. Co., Mr. Wilkinson, representing a biscuit factory, Portage, were

guests at the Wilson House this week.

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town Wed. He left by canoe next a.m. to inspect the drainage Co.'s work. He says the ditch is doing good work, being about 30 feet wide. He lost the train through clearing a jam, causing him to walk back to Gladstone.

The contract for draining Pine & Squirrel creeks into the White Mud river has been awarded to Mr. Dan Ferguson. Mr. Riley received in all 12 tenders, the lowest being those of Messrs. Boyd, Cameron, McQueen, Donald Ferguson, and Dan. They ranged from 16½ to 32 cents per yard.

Two accidents to stock occurred on our line this week. Mr. Fahrni had a cow slightly hurt, and one was killed outright 2 miles east.

Mr. Boyd has a splendid garden in the bend, filled with all kinds of vegetables. It will well repay a few visits. What troubles us is that we can't get a team there. ((Seemingly "the bend" is what is sometimes still referred to as "the island," at that time newly-made by a trench dug to cut off the loop. Mr. Boyd must have used a boat)).

The horses belonging to the Messrs. McRae, of Woodside, that have been lost for 3 weeks were found 12 miles north of Portage. Fred went after them.

The Silver Stream ball club will play the second nine of the Gladstone Maple Leafs this day week in town, we are informed; at 3 o'clock.

Some contractors passed up the line Mon. to have a look at the nature of the new work on the M. & N. W. extension. The contract will likely be awarded to Schultzes.

The baseball match which the rain prevented being played last Sat. came off Mon. For a good description of it see a correspondent's letter.

Two English gentlemen of means, we hear, are prospecting in Westbourne County for a suitable place to start a stock ranch in a great scale.

Mr. Ogilvie, in company with General Superintendent Baker & Mr. Boyle, passed up the line on Wed. His visit is for the purpose of locating elevators or store-houses along the line.

An unsightly building which has been used as a storehouse for years on Morris Ave., one of the old landmarks, has been demolished with greatly improved effect on the surroundings. If one or two more such buildings were booked for similar demolition, our streets would take the eye of visitors to better purpose.

Rev. J. E. Allan, of the Methodist church, as many are aware, has accepted the position of agent of the Dominion Alliance in

this province. His convictions being strongly in that direction, combined with his undoubted platform power, will make him a great acquisition to the aggressive force that the temperance men are putting forth at present. The town's loss is the cause's gain. His successor has not been appointed yet.

One of the finest sights in the garden line we have seen this season is the forest-like growth of rhubarb at Mr. Budge's. Each leaf would about make a dozen of the original apron, and the stalks are in proportion. There is well on to 1,000 lbs. of rhubarb from not much over 20 plants. Many of his currant bushes are pressed to the ground with the weight of fruit on them. Tomatoes, cabbage and corn promise well. The array of flowers in the many diverse-shaped beds speaks well for the taste of the inmates of his domicile.

Miss Morrison, of Woodside, who has been staying with relatives for the last 3½ years at Duluth, and who is home on a visit, was agreeably surprised to see the strides which Gladstone has made during that period.

Mr. Clubb has had a fine lot of currants & gooseberries this season. They have already picked 52 lbs. of currants and plenty more to ripen. They had to pull the gooseberries on the green side as the hens were getting too fond of them. ((The Clubbs, who left for the States in the middle '80s, lived in a red-brick house, the last bldg. on the south side Dennis; of recent years the site of Mrs. Mike Werhun's modern home)).

TOWN COUNCIL

The usual monthly meeting was held in Andrews Hall on Wed. evening. Present: Couns. Galloway, McKelvy, Logie and Andrews. Coun. McKelvy was called to the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Communications

From Messrs. Molson & McMillan, grain buyers, Winnipeg, through the Minister of Public Works, asking what exemptions the corporation would be willing to give in the event of their building an elevator at Gladstone station. — Hon. C. P. Brown stating that financial matters submitted to him have been settled satisfactorily.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed: Thomas Rose, work on Ferguson's bridge, etc., \$37.80.— J. L. Logie, stationary & telegrams, \$7.05.—Leave was granted to Mr. Peter Broadfoot to secure the lead pipe from the mill, from frost by extra covering, to be removed, if called for, in the spring.

Motions

Moved by Couns. Andrews & Logie, and carried unanimously, "that exemption from taxation be granted to anyone who builds a grain warehouse at Gladstone

for a period of 10 yrs., and for a period of 20 yrs. to any party erecting a grain elevator.

A deputation from Westbourne Agricultural Soc., consisting of Mr. Jamieson, pres., and John Small, director, waited on Council relative to a grant for the Fall Show prize-list. On motion of Couns. Logie & Galloway \$50 was granted.

The lease of the town clerk's office and hall for holding their meetings in, having expired, the Mayor and Couns. Ferguson and McKelvy were appointed a committee to confer with the proprietor to see what terms could be had.

The Minister of Public Works (C. P. Brown) was present at the session, and, on being requested, tendered the council some very sensible advice.

P.O. INSPECTOR REPLIES To The Editor of the Gladstone Age.

Sir: I have received the following reply from Mr. McLeod, Post Office Inspector, in answer to a letter of mine, asking for the facts to the case that caused the withdrawal of the money order office from Gladstone. It may convince you, as it doubtless will, the general public, whose version of the story is the correct one.

Yours, etc.,
Justitia.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Man.,
1st Aug., 1884.

Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th ult., and in reply beg to state that the Money Order business of Gladstone was suspended on account of bad management, and not upon the demand of the Postmaster, as stated in the newspaper which you enclose.

The whole matter is under the Postmaster General's consideration, and nothing can be done until his decision is learned.

(Signed) W. McLeod,
Post Office Inspector.

BASEBALL MATCH

A baseball match between the Silver Stream and Gladstone dubs, was played in Gladstone Mon. last and witnessed by a large number of spectators among whom were quite a few young ladies, whose presence made some of our boys feel rather nervous.

The game was very interesting; the visiting team played remarkably well considering the amount of practice they have had. With a reasonable amount more practice before the close of another summer they will, doubtless, be able to hang the silver cup by the Silver Stream.

The playing of the home team was somewhat better than it had been at previous matches, probably on account of the able assistance given by four of the second nine, who had been called on to fill the places of some of the first nine, who were unavoidably absent.

Those worthy of special men-

tion are, L. Chambers who handled the bat as nimbly as if it had been his pen; & Mr. Jones, who acted as backstop, and proved himself well trained to the hopper, though at base stealing he often gets steamed up a little too late.

At the close of the game the scorers' account showed a victory for the boys, the score being Silver Stream 21, Gladstone 31.

Mr. Geo. McCrae was umpire during the match, except for a short time he took to sympathize with his nose that had come in contact with a foul ball, and during that time he was substituted by a person who had his face in mourning, and he performed his duties to the satisfaction of all present.

A considerable amount of money changed hands at the close of the game but the boys say they never kick.

A Secretary.

SCHOOL MATTERS

The following has been handed in for publication:

Petition:

To The Gladstone School Board
The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:

1. That the present school building has been for some time, too small for the accommodation of this town.
2. That the number of pupils in attendance has lately been increased.
3. That to continue the present state of matters would be to retard the progress of education, to injure the health of the children, and even to endanger their lives.
4. Your petitioners, therefore, in the interest of progress, health and morality, pray that your honorable board will be pleased to take such steps as may be necessary for the provision of proper school accommodation for the children of the town.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray:

Peter Ferguson, Geo. Claxton, R. Galloway, Harry C. Dean, Thos. Paynter, John Mason, J. Andrews, Thos. Cory W. S. Bailcy, T. L. Morton, B. Willisacroft, J. Ferrier, M.D., J. Small & J. J. Herron.

((Two long articles, unfortunately, have been squeezed out. One from the Wpg. Sun which echoed the oft repeated plea of editor Moodie for "restraint" by towns & municipalities, giving the fate of Emerson as an example; and a letter from Dr. Ferrier, local health officer, re the deplorable conditions at the little school. One statistic is of some interest: "The present schoolhouse measures on the inside 10 ft., 1½ ins. by 22 ft., 3 ins., the height of the ceiling being 11 ft. 1½ ins." The average attendance is 55)).



Performers in a "Suffragette" Play by the W.C.T.U. in 1914-15 era; Presented in the "Opera House"

TO THOSE WHO CAN CLAIM TO BE 70, 80 & 90 YEARS OLD it is good to look back and relive some of the old days thro' pictures. Here's is a dandy to portray the frequent use that was given the stage in the "Opera House" the Kinney Bros. opened in 1905. It filled a big gap in the social and entertainment functions of the town. From earliest times performers in the "arts" were highly regarded, and greatly in demand at all social affairs of the town and community. The need of a "hall" and a "stage" were early recognized, but for the first few years the homes had to do; then the first schoolhouse became a step up, alongwith the use of the first churches. Then came a giant step forward by the "big store" of Hamilton & Davidson when built in the late 1870s, with the upper storey used as the first 'hall'. Some five years later Mr. Andrews erected his large bakery building and above it "Andrews' Hall". This served (alongwith the churches and the 3rd storey of the school), for most of the plays and concerts, etc. until 1905. The "Opera House" was greeted with great joy, and must have seemed the "ultimate" to the pioneers, in their progress from the primitive to the palatial. A high stage, rolling curtain, and movable wings where even operas could be performed - and were. It was really the ultimate in many ways for the "arts"-conscious citizens of the town, and was widely used by all social groups and organizations, and even drew the the attention of Mr. Walker, of the famous "Walker Theatre," Wpg., who booked it quite frequently for various troupe performances, and Shakespearean plays such as "As You Like It". — Later, in late 1918 it was commandeered for use as rooms for Grades 9 to 11, but in 1924 it again returned to public use as a 'movie' house for a time, and then back to its former use again but from now on as the "Town Hall". Another 20 years pass and in 1946 it becomes the new home of the Age Press, but with the "Opera House" section still serving in its original capacity for a year or two until the Legion Hall was ready to take over. But who of the grandparents of today will ever forget the rollicking, robust dances of the '30s and '40s. And how many enduring romances found their beginnings there? Recently, one of the oldsters (soon to become a nonagenarian) remarked, as he looked up at the old building in a rather wistful, reminiscent mood, "You know, Art, that's where I met my wife; she had come to the Teachers' Convention here" (But let us not fail to note that all three of the "halls" still stand; the "first," just recently, greatly enhanced in appearance & usefulness).

ABOVE PICTURE SHOWS SOME PERFORMERS OF 70 YEARS AGO: This Stage Play by the Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) is somewhat dated as being in 1914-15, due to the death of Miss Rintoul, teacher, late in the latter year. All names have been provided by the late Mrs. Hattie (Cathcart) Roe. They are: (BACK): Mrs. Robt. Kemp; Mrs. A. Pollock; Miss A. Rintoul; Mrs. David Cathcart; Miss Phillips (Mrs. Werden); Miss Mabel McKenzie; Mrs. Williams; Mrs. P. St. Clair McGregor. (CENTRE): Mrs. W. H. Squair; Mrs. Mark; Mrs. Cahill; Mrs. R. J. Keyser; Mrs. Matt Tinck; (BOTTOM): Mrs. E. J. Cresswell; Miss Mary L. McManus, (school teacher); Mrs. Cyril Jessop; Mrs. John F. Broadfoot.

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SAT., AUG. 16th, 1884:

((This issue is headed by an advt. from the Hon. C. P. Brown, Minister of Public Works, calling for tenders on various drains throughout Manitoba. Listed in the 15 are five concerning the area covered by the Gladstone Age namely Silver Stream, Wellington, Gopher Creek, Dead Lake and also one listed only as a drain in Twp. 14, Rge. 9. Editor Moodie gives the advt a prominent place in the paper & asks farmers through a brief editorial comment to keep him posted on developments)).

Editorial . . .

Let no citizen who has any ideas on the school question be slack in ventilating them. The more thought on the subject, the sooner a safe and satisfactory solution will be reached.

Editorial . . .

We ask the farmers to keep an eye on the Sanford drainage business. From a perusal of the report of council business in this issue, his intensely selfish proposals can be seen. The council took no notice of them save to make them the occasion of a formal demand on the local govt. to be put in possession of the whole facts of the transaction whereby many thousands of acres of our bottom lands, which will one day be our best, have been deeded to Mr. Sanford. The current opinion of the council was that the work of reclamation had scarcely commenced.

Mr. Jones is taking a long stay in Winnipeg.

Mr. Sutherland, of the Hamilton Provident Loan Co. has been here for over a week.

Some of our farmers affirm that the oat crop is the heaviest they have here yet grown.

Rev. Mr. F. Jephcott will preach a funeral sermon tomorrow evening on the late Mr. John Rose.

Mr. Budge went east Tues. as a delegate to the Oddfellows grand lodge that met this week in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Rose accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. May, to Wpg. for a few days' rest and change of scene now that the sad time of watching and waiting has ended.

Messrs. Galloway and Ferguson, who proceeded to Wpg. last Sat., got back Wed. They report business prospects brightening considerably at that centre.

Mr. Lloyd, of Portage county, who has been breaking in York Colony, passed east with three teams this week. His brother, James, of Pine Creek, who has been breaking also, accompanied him.

The judicial board has levied one mill on the \$ for judicial purposes, and half a cent for county. Our county taxation for this year therefore stands at 12½ mills on the \$, to which falls to be added in each school district a fourth of the school rate.

Mr. John Switzer and family, of Golden Stream, and Mr. John McCartney and family, of Wellington, passed thro' town with all their belongings for their new homes in Shell River district last Tues. They had a fine drove of about 60 head of splendid cattle along with them. *((Would the above Mr. McCartney be the husband of the lady that lived in the 30s & 40s in the present Vi Anderson's house at the town bridge? And father of Harry McCartney and his brother who resided here also about the same time?))*

The first new steam thresher of the season - Cornell engine & Wide-Awake separator - was unloaded from the cars here Wed. It is the property of Mr. S. T. Wilson, of the Wilson House, & it will be started as soon as the crop is ready to thresh from the shock.

The M. & N.W. railway locating party who are to locate the line from Minnedosa to Birtle, passed west (the chief, Mr. Robertson, went up on Mon.) Wednesday. The party numbers 15. Our Mr. Bruce has charge of the transit, while Mr. Scott is leveller. Mr. Strevel has gone west to look after the grade. *((It is most interesting to see that only some 40 miles or so of the line was completed since reaching Gladstone (Aug. 21st, 1882, to quote one source). And the same source says it was built another 15 miles further west before the work ended that year. But the same writer states that on Nov. 11th, 1882, the line went under new management, and a knowledgeable railway man put in charge. His verdict: that the work done was so deplorable, that the entire line would have to be relayed. Was it? And is this the reason why it had only gone*

as far as Minnedosa in 2 yrs.? Will the facts ever emerge?))

A new wrinkle in hay-stacking here is being tried by Mr. Bailey who hauls it into the stack by sleds, on which a couple or so coils are rolled, and then run into the stack. He says that's the way they put hay up in the States. He claims it is quicker, as three horses, with boys to drive them, and four men, can beat all creation in putting up hay. Hey!

Mr. Purvis, secretary of the Farmers' Union, has written asking what the prospects are for starting a branch here. They are perfecting arrangements for handling all their own grain this season, thus assuring a better price and honest weight for it than has hitherto been obtained. All Westbourne farmers in sympathy with the undertaking had better correspond at an early date as possible with the Editor of the Age. Arrangements for organizing a branch in the city ought to be perfected at once.

The following two items are for the benefit of those whom they concern: Would the parties who are helping themselves around John Cassidy's place, in the McGregor settlement, kindly leave it alone. It might be wise for them to return what they've taken and not get themselves into trouble. It might cost them more than if they were to buy the same honestly. — Some one lately entered Harry Paynter's house in his absence and extracted from the pockets of his wearing apparel some small change.

Oh, no, gentlemen, our taxes won't amount to anything! There will be pickings, pickings, for the deserving(?), which will counterbalance what is needed for running expenses. Then our roads, bridges, railway bonus, etc., etc., won't trouble us at all, at all, as they will be so smooth that oil will not be needed to grease them, even the oily tongue won't be required to talk about the beauty, the utility and the simplicity of paying taxes, you know.—Reminiscences of a pioneer who was over-persuaded to go for the pickings, but who only got the bone - bad! *((Heavy sarcasm from the editor for the "fast buck" boys))*

Mr. Edwin Rose is putting a second storey on his kitchen. Mr. Clubb is doing the work.

Coun. West, of Blake, brought up from the Portage two thoroughbred Berkshire pigs, a boar and sow. The price paid was \$20.

Don't disturb 'em. Let 'em sleep. How beautiful and innocent looking the form divine when asleep. — Rubes in the woods!

Mr. Morton, county treasurer, has gone east to hand over the debentures that have been recently so well sold, to the purchasers.

The govt. inspector of home-steads has been in town this wk. He rode up with Mr. John Small from McGregor station on Wed. night.

Rev. and Mrs. McArthur paid their relatives in Gladstone a visit this week, the great attraction no doubt being their new niece. Mr. McArthur is stationed in Riverside municipality, beyond Brandon, and as he drove to Stoney Creek, a distance of 70 miles, he had a capital opportunity to inspect the crops, which he says look well. He leaves Mrs. McArthur at her mother's for a short time.

Reeve Smalley's petition to the Dominion govt. anent scooping out the channel of the White Mud River between Westbourne and the lake, is bearing more fruit. The govt. is now proceeding with the building of three barges in the yard where the steamer Saskatchewan was lately built, to hold the silt scooped up by the dredge, which the govt. is constructing here, the machinery for which has been ordered from a United States firm.

The govt. engineer, Mr. Young, has been investigating the ditching that the municipal council memorialized the local govt. recently to have executed. Coun. McKenzie showed him over the Gopher and Jordan Creeks part last Sat., and he is now engaged with the work sought to be done in South Palestine, viz., cutting a channel for Silver Stream to empty into the Dead Lake, and extending the ditch from it into Collins' Creek at Woodside.

Among the travellers east that passed thro' Gladstone Tuesday were the Bishop of Rupert's Land, who had been west opening a new English Church; J. B. Somerset, Esq., superintendent of education; Warden Hamilton of Neepawa; and the Wpg. Lacrosse team, who had had a couple of successful games with Rapid City and Minnedosa clubs.

While Mr. Paynter was looking on at the baseball game being played on Thurs. night, he was hit on the head by a club which one of the players lost his hold of as he struck at the ball. Fortunately the position of his head helped the blow to glance. A couple of inches further down might have given Tom his discharge from earthly affairs. As it was he was very badly stunned. Spectators of the game crowd in upon the players too closely all the time to be safe for themselves or fair to the players. It will be a pity if club or ball has to open a way into their heads for some to see it.

Mr. Fraser met a number of those interested in improving the singing of the Pres. choir Wed. last. There was a good turnout, and a fair practice for the first meeting. Perhaps after prayer meeting on Thurs. night might be the most suitable for practices.

SCHOOL MEETING

The important business to be discussed called out as usual a very slim attendance. Mr. Best was called to the chair.

At the commencement, the trustees intimated their willingness to go along with any reasonable scheme proposed for the erection of a new schoolhouse, failing which, they thought on account of the uncertain value of lands in arrears for taxes, the scarcity of funds and the increased cost of adding to the teaching staff, they would advise building an addition to the schoolhouse (if it could not be done without) which might serve for three years, and then we would be in a position to erect one in keeping with our prospects.

Mr. Somerset's idea was, that it would be better, meanwhile, to hire a room, engage a junior teacher, \$100 of whose salary he would guarantee, and this arrangement would leave the school large enough for the advanced classes. It was for the ratepayers to say what plan suited them best.

Mr. McCrae thought the cheapest way to get along for a year or two, was to build an addition, which would only cost for the 3 years as much as the other scheme would cost for one, and the piece would realize closely on its cost when sold.

Mr. Dean considered that now was the cheapest time to build a new school as labor and material were only about half the price they had been. School debentures were at a premium and ours would sell well. It paid to give the rising generation all the opportunities possible.

Mr. Small expressed similar sentiments.

After some others had given their views Messrs. Dean, Small, Rose, Clubb, Claxton, Ferrier & Doherty were appointed a committee to correspond with the board of education re the amount possible to be raised by debentures, the terms on which it could be had, and a detailed plan of the kind of building such sum would erect, and report to a meeting of the ratepayers which they were empowered to call, when they have the information ready. *((A view of the little schoolhouse that was getting so much attention 100 years ago, is shown in the May issue. It was built in 1879 at a cost of \$500, and seemingly little had been paid on the principal in the five years)).*

THE SILVER CORD LOOSED

The long illness of the late Mr. John Rose terminated at length in death a week ago yesterday afternoon. His disease was the lingering, though fatal one, of consumption, brought on by a heavy cold, too lightly regarded in its early stages, a common procedure in those possessed of rugged health, but which in many cases, as in his, has a fatal termination. Few men, exactly a year ago, looked more

like living than he did, while few frames could be more emaciated by disease and still retain the vital spark than his was before it finally fled.

The lesson of the care of health when one has it ought not to be lost upon the living.

Deceased was a patient, uncomplaining sufferer, ready to try every remedy that promised recovery, but ultimately resigned to God's will when he saw there was no hope.

His funeral, which was taken charge of by the Oddfellows brotherhood, of which he was a member, which took place last Saturday, was perhaps the largest gathering of its kind ever seen here.

The members of the Oddfellows Lodge walked at its head, and, on arriving at the grave, Brothers Stalker and Dean read their simple and touching burial service. After his remains were lowered to their last resting place all joined in singing the parting hymn, with every heart no doubt saying "amen" to the closing prayer pronounced by Bro. Stalker. A sprig of spruce, testifying to the greenness of the deceased's memory in the hearts of his brethren, deposited by each member into the grave, was the last act performed before the mould covered him up for ever from the sight of the living.

No doubt it's no more than an Oddfellows' vow calls him to perform, but at the same time it is worthy of parting mention - the extremely attentive manner in which the Oddfellows Society has ministered to the departed, of their substance, sympathy and active help. They saw to his support all thro' his illness, buried him, and all thro' the more arduous part of his sickness, singly or in company, took turns in sitting up with him.

Certainly in the Gladstone Odd-fellowship, profession and practice are happily mated.

CARD OF THANKS

The Brothers of the I.O.O.F. unanimously passed a vote of thanks in open lodge to Mrs. May Sr., & other ladies, who tendered their valuable assistance to the brothers in attending with them to their late brother, John Rose, during his illness & death.

Signed on behalf of the lodge.
HARRY C. DEAN, N.G.
Gladstone, Aug 12, 1884.

NOTICE! W. S. Bailey & Co. has the best flour for sale. Apply at the bank.

Mr. J. McLaren went west yesterday to join the M. & N.W. locating party.

Mr. McGhie, of Blake, and Messrs. McGregor and Ritchey, of McGregor, have been supplied by Mr. Thompson with the Watson Deering self-binder.

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SAT., AUG. 23rd, 1884:

Rumor has it that Mr. Hugh McKinnon has rented Mr. L. Snell's new steam thrasher for this season's operations, and will be ready to start out as soon as the crop is harvested.

Mr. James Anderson, of Richmond, is "hooping her up" this year with a brand new Watson self-binder. If Jim had a few more domestic furnishings he would be in a fair way to be complete, like some more we could name.

Coun.-Pool did a good thing in the interests of the county when he managed to have Pine Creek bridge let for such a small tender as \$240 to such a competent man as B. Willisroft. The competition was very keen, about a dozen trying for it.

A new tenant took possession of the post office Wed. afternoon, which caused our postmaster and citizens to consider ways and means to get him out of the situation, but he did not care for their ways, as he knew it was a ticklish affair for them to get the means, so his skunkship ran around and made himself at home.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Drost, Tupper, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. D. Stalker, B.A., Mr. John Holliday, to Miss Jane Ann Somerville Drost, both of Tupper township.

Editorial . . .

It is safe enough to "holler" now that the crop is so nearly housed; and we think, from reliable reports, as well as from personal inspection, that the crop now in process of being garnered is the very best that has ever rewarded the exertions of our farmers in this county. The prosperity of the farmer is the basis of every other kind of well-doing, and certainly it is to be hoped that the year's return will give him such a lift that he may be able to give the rest of us a little push in the upward direction too.

A few crops like this one and the money equivalent judiciously laid out will effectually put us past being either helped or hurt much by any more booms, which have been the bane of this country's prosperity.

Editorial . . .

The minister of public works with characteristic push has

Mr. T. May got the self-binder a-going Monday that he sold to Messrs. McDiarmid and Fieldhouse of McGregor tp.

A great many are into harvest operations, which will keep them going uninterruptedly now for the next month.

There have been quite a few tenders sent down from this place for the drainage work advertised last week.

Mr. J. Mason showed us the other day a couple of bean pods that measured a little over 3 ins. and they had not attained their full growth.

Mr. J. J. Stewart has a most magnificent piece of wheat. We would like him to keep an accurate note of the yield.

Mrs. Gilliard, sister of Mr. Doherty, hardware merchant of this place, returned to Wpg. a week ago today after having spent a week or two in town.

Coun. Ferguson's tomatoes take the cake of all that we have seen this season. The plants are whoppers, and the fruit is nearly full grown already.

To all whom it concerns: Mr. Cory, county court clerk, has been notified by his honor Judge Ryan, of the adjournment of the Gladstone county court until Friday, 5th Sept. at 2 p.m.

Mr. A. W. Gerow is great on cabbages.

Mr. Jas. Ritchey is very well pleased with his Watson self-binder.

Dr. Ferrier had a trip east this week.

The first cauliflowers of the season were brought to town last Saturday by Mr. Bruce, of Livingstone.

One of the three strayed horses belonging to Messrs McCrae, of Woodside, has died since they found them. It had been hurt among other bands of horses. (*It should be noted that the spelling of the pioneer 'McCraes' of Woodside is usually recorded as 'McRae's,' we believe*).

Mr. Peter Moir, of Blake, has been the happy possessor for a week of a new Watson self-binder. There's a good deal of P's name in his character. Whatever he goes at he is bound to make a success of. Go on!

Mr. Rice M. Howard, inspector of registry and county clerks offices, was here on his quarterly round the latter part of last week. He left by train a week ago today, after finding everything 'en regle'.

We hear that Mr. Hugh McKinnon has bought the farm belonging to Mr. Harry Whitmore, situated in Richmond Tp. Evidently Mr. W. thinks that the property he now has taken up in Dauphin will give him all that he can do.

Everybody that has not got through before this has been busy winding up haying this wk.

Choke-Cherries by the bushel and cranberries as plentiful keep the fruit season still going in full blast.

Miss Edith Lockhart, who has been Mrs. John Chambers' guest for a week or two back, returned home to Wpg. Thursday.

It used to be customary in olden times for patriarchs to go on pilgrimages. The fashion has scarcely died out in Gladstone yet, as we know of some patriarchial visits that have been, pretty steady of late to an eastern shrine. A hint was dropped the other day that with this visit such pilgrimages would cease, as the shrine is to be removed into the patriarch's own safe-keeping. Happy devotee, then, to have the object of his adoration near him!

The following illustration of pluck and muscle is worth giving publicity to. Two lads ('boys' is a misnomer, judging them by their work) of 13 and 16 respectively, sons of Mr. G. Carr, of Richmond, have this season handled on their own forks 85 tons of hay. They put up two stacks measuring 70'x18'; one of 45'; one of 10', and a round one. The only help consisted in having the topping-out done by their father. How do the rival stackers feel over the victory of the youngsters?

That hard times don't trouble everybody was made apparent by the two heavily-laden wagons of building material, including lumber, shingles, nails & paper, etc., which Messrs. Ogston and McGhie, of Blake, hauled up the other day to fix their two new houses.

The orderliness and decorum with which pigs behave can be borne abundant witness to by about a dozen persons the other morning who were interesting themselves in having a few penned up. Oh, no! you have nothing to do but point the way to Mr. Grunter, for him to jump into it.

We believe the management of the Presbyterian Church have in hand a scheme by which they intend raising enough money to extinguish all the debt on church and manse within three years. They are busy perfecting it, and mean at an early date to submit it to the members and adherents.

FOND FAREWELL TO METHODIST MINISTER

Rev. J. E. Allen and family bade adieu for the present to Gladstone, Thursday. Since coming up last Saturday he has had a busy time getting ready to move. It goes without saying that the rev. gentleman will be very much missed, not only for his pupil work, but for his platform performance, in which he

excelled; there never being any want of life when he was around one. Not less will the social circle miss Mrs. Allen, who has ungrudgingly and unstintingly contributed of her acknowledged musical & literary ability whenever a demand was made on them. They leave for their new sphere of work with the kind wishes of the whole community. May they prosper and go on building up that renown which generally comes to all who unweariedly spend themselves in the path of duty.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' AID HOLDS LAWN PARTY

A very successful lawn party was held by the above society at the residence of Mr. Broadfoot, Wednesday evening last, in aid of church funds. There was a fairly large turn-out considering the busy time, the haste with which it was got up, and the not very wide notice it had received.

The inner man was much refreshed, if not alone by the sight certainly by the taste of the many good things with which the tea tables were laden.

Swings and croquet were much enjoyed by many, one clerical gentleman handling the mallet to very good purpose, and some lady friends not being bad seconds.

Music and eloquence were then sufficiently aired.

But the fun came in with one games, which were of the parlor sort, and which provided abundant merriment; and many of them no end of exercise. A most agreeable party was broken up about 11 o'clock, which is needless to say was enjoyed by all. The collection was the handsome one of \$16.15.

GLADSTONE MAPLE LEAFS WIN AT NEEPAWA, 24-16

Wed. morning last saw our local base-ballers early on the road to Neepawa behind a couple of spanking teams, to play a match with the Neepawa club.

The morning was fine, the roads were excellent, the country which they travelled pleasurable, and their own spirits were in the best fettle. So the trip was most thoroughly enjoyed. They made good time, having an hour or so to spare to acquire an appetite for dinner.

Shortly after, play commenced, and the game, which was a very well contested one, was played in the short space of about 2½-hours.

(*Subjoined is the score for each team for each of the nine innings played, Gladstone's total adding up to 24, Neepawa, 16*).

Mr. Alexander Brydon was the Neepawa scorer, while Mr. T. May tallied for Gladstone.

Dr. McFadden, who was un-

pire, fulfilled his onerous duties to the entire satisfaction of both sides, not a word of dissent being spoken to his rulings all through the match.

Our boys retain a grateful recollection of the handsome way they were used by the Neepawa fellows, and intend to retaliate fully when they have them down to play the return match in a couple or so of weeks.

The drive back was enjoyable, the travellers reaching home between 10 and 11 o'clock.

CARD OF THANKS

The ladies of "The Ladies' Aid Society," connected to the Presbyterian church desire to express their thanks to Mrs. Broadfoot and family for the use of their home; and to J. J. Herron and other young men who rendered such valuable assistance at their lawn entertainment and social on Wed. evening.

MRS. MAY, Pres.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Rose wishes to take this opportunity of expressing her extereme thankfulness to the members of the Oddfellows Society, and to other kind friends, who helped to lighten her labors at the sick bed of her late lamented husband.

What with breaking windows, jerking suspender buttons off, thereby causing the slamming of windows, and breaking themselves pretty well all over, footballers had a pretty hard time of it last Saturday.

Messrs. Switzer and McArtney had a bad setting out to their new homes last week. The first night about 20 head of their cattle strayed away from camp and detained them about a week before they found them last Tuesday. What makes matters worse is that they have all their hay to cut when they got to Shell River.

(*The following item was inadvertently omitted from the Aug. 2nd page*).

Mr. Dander, govt. veterinary inspector for the counties of Portage & Westbourne, arrived by train Wed., called up to inspect what appeared to his informant to be a case of glanders. The affected beast is the property of Mr. George Wood, of Golden Stream, and is one of a team of mules bought lately from one McGregor, who disposed of quite a few horses and mules at the same time. On seeing the beast he pronounced the disease glanders and shot it, ordering stable, harness and everything else to be thoroughly disinfected. He also quarantined the other mule. The ailment of the horse belonging to Mr. A. McDonald, of Palestine, is chronic catarrh, he says. He quarantined a horse belonging to Mr. Foster in town here. He went east by next day's train.

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SAT., AUG. 30th, 1884:

Editorial . . .

In last week's issue we made a few comments on the shortness of the time that was allowed to elapse between advertising tenders for drains to be executed in this county and the time that such had to be lodged with the department of public works — just one week; more particularly when there was no reliable information to base a tender on to be had nearer than Wpg.; and that such information that had been asked for a week previous had not come to hand up to time of going to press on Friday afternoon. The answer came by late mail of that night, but not early enough to be of any use to a tenderer, though it was dated Tuesday, and had time to be up by Wednesday's mail.

We don't want to say there's anything wrong intended. We gave our member credit a time ago for the new departure he informed us it was his intention to make; namely, to take the council into consultation re any drainage to be done, and to give everybody the same chance that wished to execute the work by publicly advertising it.

This we expect him to do for the two-fold reason; that it is the only fair way of expending public money, and he has pledged himself to do it.

Editorial . . .

Many of the citizens of Gladstone on Thursday were privileged with an introduction, to, and short conversation with, one of Canada's greatest and most thought of statesmen — Hon. A. McKenzie, ex-premier of the Dominion of Canada, who, and party, had just been doing our great North-west, and who took a run over our railway line that day.

The hon. gentleman appears to be in indifferent health, which it is to be hoped the trip will improve.

Irrespective of politics every right-thinking man, of whatever political stripe he is, can honor in him those qualities of integrity, industry and ability which go so far as to make a perfect character.

His career is an example and a stimulus to every one who wishes to do and dare nobly.

That there is no bar to the filling of the highest offices in the gift of a country from the most humble walks of life, if only the right go and grit are there, is at once the glory and safety of the

institution under which we live, inasmuch as they alone render possible the development of the conservative and expansive power of levelling up.

Editorial . . .

It is not creditable to the authorities if the rumor that a stranger has been appointed to the postmastership here has any foundation. Surely some competent person, identified with the place since its start, to whom the appointment would be a real help, could be found to fill it. Political protegee-ism of this stripe has nothing honest about it. If rumor becomes reality then we, as well as most persons here, will have more to say on the subject.

LOCAL

The weather has been very warm this week; just what is needed for maturing the growing crops.

A very fine lot of young steers were sold by Mr. Fahrni to Mr. McGregor, of Wpg., who drove them down the first of the week.

We learn that Messrs. L. Dunning and Foster have taken the job of cutting Mr. Bailey's large crop between them. ((The fields north from 4th St., east side of Morris; rented from C. P. Brown for the year of 1884)).

Mr. Logie, agent of the North-American Agricultural Co., sold the last self-binder he had on hand to Mr. D. Rintoul. ((This farm was 2½-miles east along the old trail; in the last 60 years occupied successively by Harold Clayton, McConeghy's, Doell's, & perhaps others. Now the home of Brad Doell)).

Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. McDougall, at present on a visit to their father at Woodside, paid a visit to Gladstone this week.

The finest crop of wheat that ever grew on Mr. Broadfoot's town farm is being harvested this year. The shockers don't want to handle any heavier sheaves.

Mr. Perkins, Cocbrane Manufacturing Co.; Mr. Kennelly, of McCleary Manf. Co.; and Mr. Moodie, of Mulholland Bros. Co., were stopping at the Wilson House this week.

At a meeting of the Maple Leaf baseball club Thurs. night it was resolved to hold a concert on Thurs. night, Oct. 2 (show day) in Andrews Hall. For further particulars see bills.

The windows in Mr. Wilson's house on his farm were badly used by the hail of Thursday evening. The barley was badly threshed out also, being ripe.

Mr. Chapin, general agent of Westbrook & Fairchild, agricultural Implements, Wpg., was in town this week on business with their two agents here, Messrs. Logie and J. J. Herron.

Mr. McDougall, of Richmond, was kept waiting two days this week in town for twine. He has 50 acres cut and has nearly 100 he would get to cut if the twine was only forthcoming.

Our genial Mac, who has been vagabondising for the last month or two collecting hard figures, still appears to find leisure for throwing off those fanciful vagaries which are as balm to his poetic soul. See his scintillations in the Tribune-Review. ((To those a bit in the know this item is chuckfull of interesting information. "Our genial Mac" is the "Jolly Jack" we referred to often throughout the "Glory Years" — John McLaren. Liked by everybody (including Mr. Moodie), he has been a thorn in his side lately as one of the three contributors to "The Bug". The "Tribune Review" is a recent amalgamation of the Portage Tribune (evidently where "The Bug" was printed) and the still-unsolved Marquette Review, a shadowy creation, we think, kept alive by C. P. Brown following the demise of "The Gladstone News" (his creation), a year or so before the Moodies started the "Age". And it is revealed further along that though Brown offered them his plant they would have nothing to do with it, and brought in their very own equipment. So the Brown-Moodie spat may go deeper than politics. — The map in Chapter '02 of the "Glory Years" shows the "Marquette Review" supposedly ensconced in a bldg. on Dennis St. This might even help date the map for late 1882 or early in 1883)).

Born: At Pine Creek, on Sat., the 23rd inst., the wife of W. H. Downey, of a son.

Florenta is the name of the new postoffice to accommodate the settlers in township 16, rge. 13. Mr. Alexander McKenzie is the postmaster.

An operation, not of everyday occurrence, was performed last Sat. by Mr. Dunbar, on the teeth of an old ox belonging to Mr. Blackmore, viz., filing them down, as they were hurting his tongue so badly as to prevent rumination.

ROUNDHOUSE OF M. & N. W. AT PORTAGE, DESTROYED

Last Wednesday's storm was pretty severe at the Portage, damaging the Methodist Block, Strome & Henderson's, unroofing the freight sheds of the C.P.R., and wrecking the round-house of the M. & N. W. railway. Other

buildings also suffered. It was a wind and rain storm. No hail.

A pleasant experience befell the printers this week in being able to set type to the bewitching strains of a couple of our accomplished singers. The type fairly galloped into their places, in unison with the harmony so beautifully provided.

Our townsman Mr. Fahrni, is well on with his work this season. He has a summerfallow of 20 acres ready for the seed next spring, having already ploughed it twice. He has also 20 acres of new land broken and backset. One-half of his crop is in shock, viz., 75 acres. He has a herd of 120 head of cattle, half of which he purposes marketing this fall, and will supply their places with young stock. When one farmer can make as much beef as fill three carloads in a season, it speaks well for the unrivalled facilities this country enjoys for mixed farming. He is endeavouring at present to fill an order of one carload of porkers for a firm in Wpg. Chris is an example of well developed energy that's not only going to benefit himself, but his county. The trouble is men of his stamp are too scarce a commodity.

Miss McLean, of Wpg., was a guest of Mrs. Galloway's this week.

The wheat harvest is pretty well over in the north, and reports everywhere pronounce it a most excellent crop.

A great dearth of twine at present. Unless the supply is largely increased soon, some crops will suffer badly.

Our old citizen, Mr. Alexander Morrison, tailor, who is now in business in Wpg., paid Gladstone a visit this week.

The surveyors have located the Manitoba & Northwestern line for a distance of 15 miles west of Minnedosa. The line runs north of Long Lake.

Who is the execrable speller that wrote out the notice of the school meeting? Hadn't the teacher with his rod better get after him?

Mr. A. Paul bought a Cochran self-binder from S. T. Wilson, agent, the other day.

The hail storm of Wednesday night was very severe in Livingstone. Thirteen panes of glass in the west windows of Mr. Budge's house were smashed. His garden suffered very severely. Mr. J. Ferguson's wheat and oats are both hurt. We hear that Mr. Cory's grain was badly hurt also.

The heavy storm of Wed. had laid and tangled a great deal of grain. It will give binders all they can do to take it off clean.

Mr. Dunbar, govt. vet. for the county, came to Gladstone Fri.

last for the purpose of inspecting the mule he had quarantined at Golden Stream on his former visit. On going out to see it next morning he pronounced the disease glanders and it accordingly shared the fate of its mate. Before killing it, it was led up to the top of a straw stack, which was set fire to after it was killed, an effective way of killing infection. Mr. McGregor, the party from whom Mr. Wood bought the mules, was in Gladstone at the same time, and drove out to the place to get the head of the mule for expert examination, as he was not satisfied that the disease was glanders. In fact, he says that Mr. Dunbar inspected and passed the team, both of which he has now shot, not a week before he sold them to Mr. Wood. There will likely be some trouble about the payment of them. Mr. Wood fortunately has not settled for them yet, and if it can be proved that the disease was glanders, and the party who sold the team knew it, instead of paying for them, he is entitled to damages, as he has been put to not a little expense and inconvenience in hiring teams at this busy season of the year.

According to Mr. Baker, work commenced on the M. & N. W. beyond Minnedosa. They have very heavy work for 3½ miles to get out of the valley. Many thousand cable yards of earth require to be raised, which will keep 100 teams busy more than a month. They purpose pushing the grading as far as they can this fall. ((What price these old "Ages" in revealing history! Here, at last, are the facts on the M. & N. W. rly. as to how little it had progressed in two yrs. after reaching Gladstone)).

SCHOOL MEETING

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, a large audience assembled in Andrews Hall on Wed. evening for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee that had been appointed at a former school meeting to correspond with the Board of Education re the amount they considered us justified in raising in our circumstances by debentures for the purpose of erecting a new schoolhouse, etc.

Of those instrumental in starting the agitation that had convened these meetings, all of whom were on the committee, only one put in an appearance.

Some deserved adverse criticism was passed upon the secretary of the former meeting for neither being present, nor sending the minutes, as they were required to decide a difference that arose at the outset between the solitary acting member of the committee present, and the board of school trustees as to the scope of the instructions; the latter holding that the committee had been appointed for the purpose of corresponding with the Board re the amount they

would sanction us raising by debentures to obtain some idea of the price we could realize for them and the kind of building the sum would erect; the former evolving some unwritten school law from the depths of their own consciousness or anywhere else to suit their own case, ignored the instructions and pursued a course of their own. Those present at the former meeting bore out the trustees' view as the correct one. Nevertheless, the meeting good-naturedly listened to the following not very elaborate report given by Mr. Dean, the convener, from memory: "The committee recommended the erection of a brick veneer schoolhouse, 40 x 60, to cost \$2,500, though on account of the lateness of the season — ((2 lines are obscure)) — would be better to delay building until spring."

It is a significant fact, and shows how well this solitary component present of the views of the committee, spoke the wishes of the community, that not a single individual said "amen" to this recommendation.

Coun. Logie made short work of Mr. Dean's position. He wished he could believe in the bit of blue sky talk by which he had endeavoured to bolster up his case: "neither the trustees nor the council were in debt, but only the town!" This subject had been worn threadbare. Everyone would like to see a new school but the question was, was it wise just at the present to go into this expense? In common with most, he thought not.

Mr. McCrae thought there had been 20 times more talk over this matter than was needed. He was prepared to add to the school, though he would be better satisfied to wait for clearer daylight ahead; but have no more talk.

Mr. McKelvy administered a rebuke to those who had set a-going again this agitation and stopped at that. He warned them that this was the last time the trustees would be at their beck. They were prepared to carry out the wishes of the ratepayers, who, it was very evident had no desire for them to move in the direction indicated by the committee, who had taken the bit between their teeth.

After speeches from Messrs. Rintoul & Andrews, Mr. Chambers suggested the adoption of the half time system. It worked well in Ontario, and it ought to tide us over the present difficulty.

Coun. Ferguson wound up the speaking by urging that the whole matter be left in the hands of the trustees. Their common sense would be equal to the solution of the problem. He, at the same time, made a strong appeal on behalf of the scholars receiving at their hands the largest hearted consideration.

And so ended another school fiasco.



Weary but Cheery War Workers for the Red Cross, 1914-1918

SOME OF THE ABOVE GROUP OF RED CROSS WORKERS, 1914-1918 Mrs. Wm. Roe (Hattie Cathcart), evidently could not identify at all; some others she added a question mark to; and a few we have done likewise. (STANDING): —————; —————; —————; Mrs. Peter Williams; Miss Whitfield (?), music teacher; Mrs. John Mowat; Mrs. R. J. Keyser; —————; Mrs. Spence; Miss Pauline Sample; Mrs. (Rev.) Strachan; Mrs. Jos. Grose; Mrs. (Dr.) Rose; Mrs. David Cathcart; (SEATED): Mrs. Irwin; Mrs. Dunning; Mrs. Madill; Mrs. W. J. C. Lawton; Mrs. (Rev.) Murdin; —————; (KNEELING): Ella McCombe; Effie Holtom; —————; Mrs. Wilson(?).